

Future health professionals compete at international conference

More than 150 students and advisers from across Delaware joined more than 11,500 other members at the 42nd annual HOSA-Future Health Professionals International Leadership Conference in Orlando last week. The students represented the First State in competitive events that included: medical math, epidemiology, physical therapy, forensic medicine, dental science, medical assisting, biomedical laboratory science and more.

Delaware HOSA is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) dedicated to students who are interested in pursuing their future in a career in healthcare. Through HOSA-Future Health Professionals, members have the opportunity to participate in career focused competitive events, take part in community service work, and become leaders for the organization in their school, state, and at the international level. HOSA-Future Health Professionals incorporates curricular and co-curricular experiences to emphasize the importance of knowledge, leadership, skill development, and teamwork.

The following students and advisers were recognized in their events:

Competitive Event	School	Student	Medal	Advisor
Dental Science	Polytech High School	Yasmine Awayes	Silver	Karen Teidgen
Dental Terminology	Sussex Technical High School	Alexis Porohnavi		Ryan Doherty
Extemporaneous Health Poster	Middletown High School	Sophia Bonfigli		Deb Otto/Colleen Barrett
Healthy Lifestyle	Middletown High School	Jessica Price	Bronze	Deb Otto/Colleen Barrett
Interviewing Skills	Middletown High School	Layalie Alfroukh		Deb Otto/Colleen Barrett
Interviewing Skills	Middletown High School	Majhyaa Everett		Deb Otto/Colleen Barrett
Job Seeking Skills	Sussex Technical High School	Jonathan Lee		Ryan Doherty
Medical Assisting	St. Georges High School	Aaliyah Wright		Linda Wirt
Prepared Speaking	Middletown High School	Ashten Robino		Deb Otto/Colleen Barrett
Public Service Announcement	Middletown High School	Ivery, Walsh, Rispoli, Fisher, Gray		Deb Otto/Colleen Barrett
Outstanding HOSA Achievement	Newark Charter	Caroline Kelly and Rohan Kanchana		Melanie Mundell
ATC-Microbiology	William Penn	Gerardo Cepeda		Missy Hanley
Barbara James Service Award	Newark Charter High School	Rohith Maraka		Melanie Mundell
Barbara James Service Award	Newark Charter High School	Emily Hadley		Melanie Mundell
Barbara James Service Award	Middletown High School	Sikha Sahu		Deb Otto/Colleen Barrett
Barbara James Service Award	Newark Charter High School	William Feldmann		Melanie Mundell
HOSA Service Project-NPCF	Conrad Schools of Science	Samantha Lopez		Renee Allen
Outstanding State Leader	Polytech High School	Yasmine Awayes		Karen Tiedgen
Outstanding State Advisor	St. Georges	Linda Wirt		
DE Voting Delegates	Newark Charter High School	Caroline Kelly, Alexandra Marks, Megan Stephens		Melanie Mundell

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